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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 01-1278-D)

PATENT

In the Application of:

Chen, et al.

Serial No.: 10/058,466

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For: Method and Medium for Detecting  
Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus

Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: Li

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

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  - b) PTO Form 1449
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Date: July 13, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa M.W. Hillman', written over a horizontal line.

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